Abstract

Methods for an improved culturing of the fungus *Penicillium chrysogenum*, in particular strain KIP 3201, for an optimised production of the anti-tumour natural compound sorbicillactone A (2), and derivatives thereof in large amounts

as well as optimised methods for the recovery and purification thereof from the fungal biomass and from the culture medium are described. Furthermore, the biological activity of sorbicillactone A (2), and studies regarding the genotoxicity of the compound are described.